



24 January 2023

Dear Parent / Carer,

Industrial Action

You may be aware from media coverage that the NEU (National Education Union) have declared strike action, which will take place on the following dates:

Wednesday, 1 February

Wednesday, 1 March

Wednesday, 15 March

Thursday, 16 March

The strike is happening because of a national dispute between the unions and the government and not because of any issues at our school, however there will be significant disruption for our pupils.

Staff are not required to tell me if they intend to take strike action beforehand which makes planning incredibly difficult. However, I am working closely with the Teacher Union representatives, and I understand that a significant number of teaching staff will be taking industrial action. Non striking staff are not obliged to cover for absent colleagues, so this is going to impact on our provision.

For 1 February 2023, the College will be open to Year 11 pupils and identified vulnerable pupils only.

Pupils in Years 7 to 10 will access Remote Learning via SatchelOne.

Pupils will be informed on how to access their lessons before 1st February. It is likely this will be the set up for the additional dates, but I will write to you again to confirm this.

I apologise for the inconvenience the industrial action may cause you and your family. I recommend that you start to make appropriate arrangements for the dates listed above. I understand that this situation may be frustrating and ask that all members of our community continue to treat each other with respect. Castle Donington College remains committed to providing a safe and secure environment for our pupils and delivering high-quality teaching.

We are working closely with our staff union representatives to keep up to date with the situation, and I will inform you as soon as possible if arrangements change further. As ever, thank you for your continued support.

If you have any questions, please contact the College via postroom@cdcollege.uk

Kind regards,

Julie Sheppard
Principal